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The relevance of the prior art JP 11-187664 is discussed on page 1 and 2 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

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The relevance of the prior art JP 04-21358 is discussed on pages 2 and 3 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

The relevance of the prior art JP 07-75334 is discussed on page 3 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed references be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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